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A continuing difficulty in today's information-rich society is effectively communicating pertinent information to those individuals who are most interested in it. A related problem in the art is efficiently and effectively finding pertinent information. Traditionally, methods for finding pertinent information or for guiding the user to information of interest are cumbersome and often ineffective.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a system and method for communicating information relating to a network resource. Some of the systems and methods disclosed herein can be used for finding, presenting and/or communicating useful and relevant information, including methods relating to guiding individuals to places of interest, and methods relating to the presentation of information that is pertinent to a particular individual's interests or situation.

In one embodiment, the present invention relates to a method of displaying information for a user that is operating a client computer, including the act of displaying a first document in a web browser window on a display screen associated with the client computer, wherein the first document has a resource identifier associated with it and is retrieved over a network from a first web server using HTTP protocol, wherein the first document is a hypertext document that includes graphical display elements and also includes links to linked documents, and wherein the first document is published by a first online merchant and provides information about a first item that is available for purchase from the first online merchant. Additional embodiments and features, and the nature of the present invention may be more clearly understood by reference to the following detailed description, the appended claims, and the several drawings herein.—

Please replace the two paragraphs starting on page 19, line 4 with the following two paragraphs:

—When the display element 2905 is selected in Figure 29, the display is updated to that shown in Figure 30, and a request is sent by the computer 902 to computer 906 for information about the types of supplemental information available for the content rendered in window 2901. The display is updated to that shown in Figure 30 to indicate to the user that information describing the types of supplemental information available for the content of window 2901 is being retrieved over the network. Because of network or other limitations, the retrieval of this information may take time. Computer 906 responds to the request made by computer 902 by sending information about the types of supplemental information (if any) available for the content rendered in window 2901. See the arrows labeled “2” in Figure 33. When the supplemental information types are retrieved, they are communicated to the user, such as in the manner shown in Figure 31. In some embodiments, the computer 906 may also send the location and identity of supplemental information for one or more information types, thereby making this information available for later use.

When the user selects the supplemental information type in Figure 32, supplemental information of the selected type is retrieved over the network (e.g., from computer 908). See the arrows labeled “3” in Figure 33. The location of this supplemental information may have been identified when the types of supplemental information were previously retrieved from the computer 906. (See arrow “2” of Figure 30.) If not, however, the location of the supplemental information may be retrieved over the network from computer 906 (or from another computer on the network) before the supplemental information is actually retrieved from computer 908.—

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